

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the specification at page 8, line 18, please replace the paragraph which starts with “Preferred enzymes” with the following amended paragraph:

Preferred enzymes can be isolated from the *Lactobacillus* strains *L. paracasei* DSM 20207 (DSM 15755) and DSM 2649 (DSM 15751), *L. delbrueckii* DSM 20074 (DSM 15754), *L. sakei* DSM 20017 (DSM 15753) and *L. oris* DSM 4864 (DSM 15752). These strains are available from the ~~DSM (Deutsche Stammsammlung für Zellkulturen und Mikroorganismen; German Strain Collection of cell cultures and microorganisms)~~ DSMZ (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH; German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany).

In the specification at page 38, line 15, please replace the paragraph which starts with “In connection with” with the following amended paragraph:

In connection with the present invention, the following microorganisms of the DSMZ, which are available to the public, were redeposited on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2003 in accordance with the rules of the Budapest Treaty with DSMZ (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH; German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany).